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## **INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

### **June 30, 2023**

#### **First Trust Global Risk Managed Income Index ETF** **(the “First Trust ETF”)**

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete unaudited interim financial statements of the First Trust ETF. All references to dollars contained herein are to Canadian dollars.

Securityholders may also contact us to request a copy of the First Trust ETF's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosures relating to the First Trust ETF by calling 1-877-622-5552, by writing to us at FT Portfolios Canada Co., 40 King Street West, Suite 5102, Scotia Plaza, Box 312, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3Y2 or by visiting our website at [www.firsttrust.ca](http://www.firsttrust.ca) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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#### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

The fundamental investment objective of the First Trust ETF is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the NASDAQ Global Risk Managed Income Index<sup>SM</sup> (the "Index"), net of expenses.

The investment strategy of the First Trust ETF is to invest in and hold the constituent securities of the Index in the same proportion as they are reflected in the Index or securities intended to replicate the performance of such Index. The First Trust ETF may also hold cash and cash equivalents or other money market instruments to fund current liabilities.

The Index seeks to provide exposure to a risk managed, globally diversified income portfolio which generates a high yield for the risk taken and consists of liquid, income-bearing ETFs and other exchange traded products across various asset classes.

The Manager may use a sampling methodology in selecting investments for the First Trust ETF. As an alternative or in conjunction with investing in and holding constituent securities, the First Trust ETF may also invest in other securities to obtain exposure to the constituent securities of the applicable Index in a manner that is consistent with the investment objective and investment strategy of the First Trust ETF.

#### **Risk**

The risks associated with an investment in the First Trust ETF remain as discussed in the First Trust ETF's most recent prospectus. There have been no significant changes during the reporting period that affected the overall level of risk associated with the First Trust ETF.

#### **Results of Operations**

##### ***General***

The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of June 30, 2023 was \$17,738,979 or \$16.11 per unit. The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of December 31, 2022 was \$18,670,188 or \$16.22 per unit.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the First Trust ETF paid total cash distributions of \$0.3100 per unit. In addition, the First Trust ETF declared cash distributions of \$0.0625 per unit for record date of June 30, 2023 with payment date of July 10, 2023.

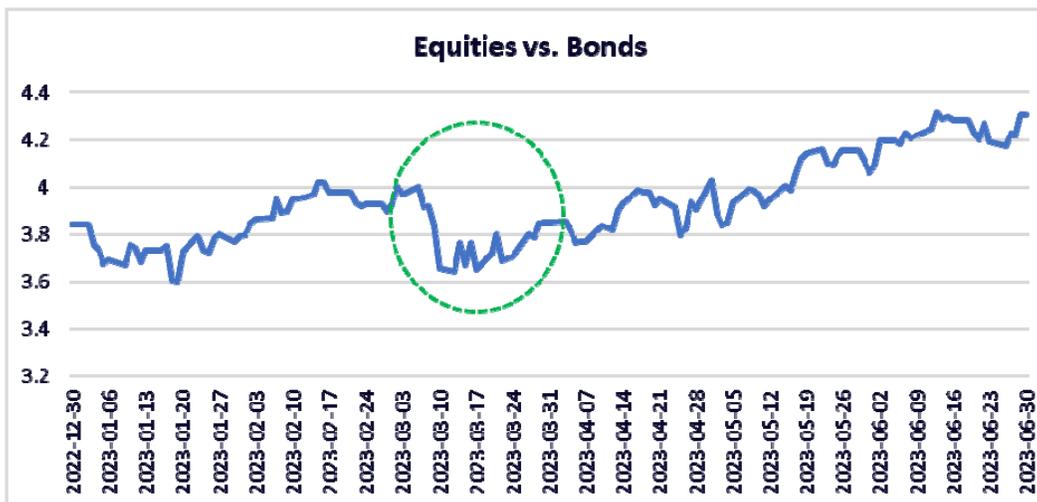
##### ***Investment Performance***

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the First Trust ETF returned 1.35% compared to the Index return of 1.73%. Unlike the Index, the First Trust ETF's returns are net of fees and expenses.

The return was positive for the first half of the year. Performance for the First Trust ETF was mixed month-to-month and did not exhibit a material trend in either direction for any extended period of time.

The First Trust ETF began 2023 with a 25% exposure to equity. This equity exposure is unique to the Index and can partially explain its relative underperformance versus a standard bond fund during March of 2023. In the chart below, we can see that the relative strength of equities (using the SPY ETF as a proxy) versus government bonds (using the TLT ETF as a proxy) was flat for much of the period. The strong decrease in March, circled in green, was the month that accounted for most of the underperformance of the Index relative to a standard bond fund.

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Index Positions and Sector Performances as of June 30, 2023:

Symbol	Company Name	BY ASSET CLASS		BY CREDIT RATING			BY GEOGRAPHY				As Of 2023-06-30			
		Equity	Bond	Rate	Credit	HY	Equity	Canada	U.S.	Int'l	Global	Weight	Yield	6M Chg
CPD	iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF		Y			Y		Y				10.5%	5.95	0.37%
ZPR	BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF		Y			Y		Y				0.0%	6.14	0.18%
XCB	iShares DEX All Corporate Bond Index ETF		Y		Y			Y				4.8%	3.77	0.15%
XGB	iShares DEX all Government Bond Index ETF		Y	Y				Y				2.9%	2.77	-0.02%
CVD	iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF Trust Units		Y			Y		Y				14.2%	5.26	0.07%
XLB	iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF		Y	Y				Y				2.6%	3.78	-0.16%
HBB	Horizons CDN Select Universe Bond ETF		Y	Y				Y				3.3%	3.09	0.15%
VSF	Vanguard Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF		Y	Y				Y				6.2%	2.58	0.96%
ZFM	BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF		Y	Y				Y				0.0%	2.35	0.00%
ZHY	BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged To CAD ETF		Y		Y				Y			15.6%	6.64	-0.07%
ZIC	BMO Mid-Term US IG Corporate Bond Index ETF CAD		Y		Y				Y			3.1%	3.97	0.03%
ZCM	BMO Mid Corporate Bond Index ETF		Y		Y			Y				0.0%	4.15	0.33%
CLF	iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF CAD		Y	Y				Y				0.0%	2.17	-0.05%
ZEF	BMO Emerging Markets Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF		Y			Y				Y		14.4%	4.59	-0.02%
ZUT	BMO Equal Weight Utilities Index ETF	Y				Y	Y					2.8%	4.11	0.09%
ZRE	BMO Equal Weight REIT's Index ETF	Y				Y	Y					3.2%	5.12	-0.34%
XFN	iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF	Y				Y	Y					2.2%	3.56	0.04%
XEI	iShares Core S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF	Y				Y	Y					4.3%	4.98	-1.68%
VDY	Vanguard FTSE Canadian High Dividend Yield Index ETF	Y				Y	Y					3.2%	4.79	0.48%
VGG	Vanguard US Dividend Appreciation Index ETF	Y				Y		Y				1.8%	1.35	-0.38%
CGR	iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	Y				Y				Y		1.5%	3.75	2.41%
CYH	iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF	Y				Y				Y		3.4%	4.80	-2.92%
NQGRMIC	NASDAQ Global Risk Managed Income CAD Index	22%	78%	15%	24%	39%	22%	60%	21%	14%	5%	100%	4.78	0.14%
XBB	iShare Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF		Y	Y	Y			Y				100%	3.09	0.15%

Source: Bloomberg and Nasdaq

Rate: a fixed income product that is dominated by the government bond holdings

Credit: corporate bond focused that are usually for those rated as investment graded

HY: High Yield (junk) bonds, which also include preferred and emerging market bonds.

Index Allocation Changes from December 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

NQGRMIC (ETP) Allocation	BY ASSET CLASS		BY CREDIT RATING				BY GEOGRAPHY			
	Equity	Bond	Rate	Credit	HY	Equity	Canada	U.S.	EM	Global
End of Last Year (Dec. 30, 2022)	25%	75%	17%	24%	34%	25%	64%	19%	8%	9%
First Half of the Year (Jun. 30, 2023)	22%	78%	15%	24%	39%	22%	60%	21%	14%	5%
Allocation Change	-3%	3%	-2%	0%	5%	-3%	-4%	1%	6%	-4%

Source: Nasdaq

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The security weights of the Index are determined by Newfound Research using their proprietary model. Index Securities with a higher yield-to-risk profile and positive price momentum are weighted more heavily within the Index. Over this period, the model added exposure to Bonds vs. Equities, High Yield vs Equity and Government Bonds, and Emerging Markets vs Canada and Global.

As of June 30, 2023, the Index held 78% in fixed income, an increase of 3% since year-end 2022, which corresponded to a decrease of equity exposure from 25% to 22%.

The largest change to the Index portfolio by credit category was a 5% increase in High Yield from 34% to 39%. Government bonds (“Rate”) decreased by 2% and Equity decreased by 3%, with no change to investment grade corporate bonds (“Credit”). From the geographic perspective, Emerging Markets saw an increase of 6%, with Canada and Global being reduced by about 3.5%, each.

On the individual security level, the BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond (Hedged to CAD) ETF saw an increase of 7% from 8.6% to 15.6% and the BMO Emerging Markets Bond (Hedged to CAD) ETF allocation also increased by 6%. These increases drove the higher allocations to High Yield and Emerging Markets, respectively. The two largest reductions in weight were 5% for the iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF (CAD), which took its allocation to 0%, and 4% each for the BMO Mid-Term US IG Corporate Bond Index ETF CAD and iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF.

### **Recent Developments**

After peaking in late 2022, measures of inflation such as the Consumer Price Index flattened and started to drift downward in the first half of 2023. The Federal Reserve took a ‘pause’ in its series of target rate hikes in June, and key interest rates stayed in a range during the first half of 2023 after climbing steadily since March of 2022. The US and Canadian 10 Year bonds saw rates decline by 3.81 and 3.10 basis points in the first half of 2023.

These factors appear to have contributed to the market enthusiasm for equities and spurred a return to bull market conditions for equities, as investors appear to expect a soft landing for the economy and generally bullish conditions going forward. If this is the case, the Index, and therefore the First Trust ETF, can maintain a healthy allocation to equities while attempting to generate balanced income for long-term investors. If recession does come, then the Index has the ability to rotate into assets with lower risk to attempt to cushion the losses from a bear market.

### **Related Party Transactions**

FT Portfolios Canada Co. is the Manager of the First Trust ETF and is a Canadian affiliate of First Trust Advisors L.P., the investment advisor (the “Advisor”) of the First Trust ETF.

Pursuant to terms of the declaration of trust of the First Trust ETF, the Manager provides or arranges for all management, administrative and other services required by the First Trust ETF. The Manager receives a management fee from the First Trust ETF. For further details, please see “Management Fees”.

The Manager has retained the Advisor to provide certain services to the First Trust ETF pursuant to an investment advisory agreement. The Advisor receives advisory fees from the Manager out of the management fee.

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#### Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the First Trust ETF and are intended to help you understand the First Trust ETF's financial performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and for the five years ended December 31. This information is derived from the First Trust ETF's unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements.

#### Net Asset Value per Unit

ETP	2023	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of period/year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$16.22	\$19.05	\$18.24	\$19.11	\$17.90	\$19.42
Increase (Decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.37	0.61	0.61	0.68	0.79	0.67
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	(0.06)	(0.18)	0.20	(1.08)	(0.11)	(0.45)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	(0.05)	(2.64)	0.64	0.14	1.34	(0.79)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.22	\$(2.33)	\$1.36	\$(0.36)	\$1.93	\$(0.67)
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.33)	(0.33)	(0.35)	(0.42)	(0.49)	(0.43)
From dividends	-	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.19)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.02)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.02)	-	(0.10)	(0.07)	(0.15)
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	\$(0.33)	\$(0.53)	\$(0.55)	\$(0.69)	\$(0.72)	\$(0.77)
Net asset value, end of period/year <sup>(4)</sup>	\$16.11	\$16.22	\$19.05	\$18.24	\$19.11	\$17.90

(a) As of February 28, 2022, the First Trust ETF no longer offered ETP.A and the Manager successfully redesignated ETP.A to ETP of the First Trust ETF.

(1) This information is provided as at June 30, 2023 and December 31 of the period/years shown and is prepared under IFRS.

(2) Net asset value and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period/year.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the First Trust ETF, or both. Non-cash distributions are reinvested in additional units of the First Trust ETF and subsequently consolidated. Neither the number of units held by the unitholder, nor the net asset per unit of the First Trust ETF change as a result of any non-cash distributions.

(4) This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net asset value per unit.

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**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

ETP	2023	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value (000's)	\$17,739	\$18,670	\$25,458	\$22,552	\$26,486	\$24,818
Number of units outstanding	1,100,811	1,150,811	1,336,214	1,236,214	1,386,214	1,386,214
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	0.86%	1.01%	0.93%	0.94%	0.91%	0.98%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.06%	1.21%	1.14%	1.15%	1.12%	1.18%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.11%	0.14%	0.07%	0.12%	0.08%	0.10%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	35.08%	106.67%	36.93%	108.97%	75.07%	86.44%

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(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period/year, including the First Trust ETF's proportionate share of the MER of any underlying fund in which the First Trust ETF has invested, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period/year.

(2) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period/year. This includes the First Trust ETF's proportionate share of the commissions of any underlying fund in which the First Trust ETF has invested.

(3) The First Trust ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the First Trust ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the First Trust ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period/year. The higher a First Trust ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period/year, the greater the trading cost payable by the First Trust ETF in the period/year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period/year. There is not necessarily a relationship between high turnover rate and the performance of a First Trust ETF.

**Management Fees**

The First Trust ETF will pay the Manager a management fee of 0.60% based on the average daily NAV of the First Trust ETF. The management fee, plus applicable taxes including HST, will be accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Manager may, from time to time in its discretion, waive all or a portion of the management fee charged at any given time.

The First Trust ETF currently pays the Manager a management fee equal to 0.41%.

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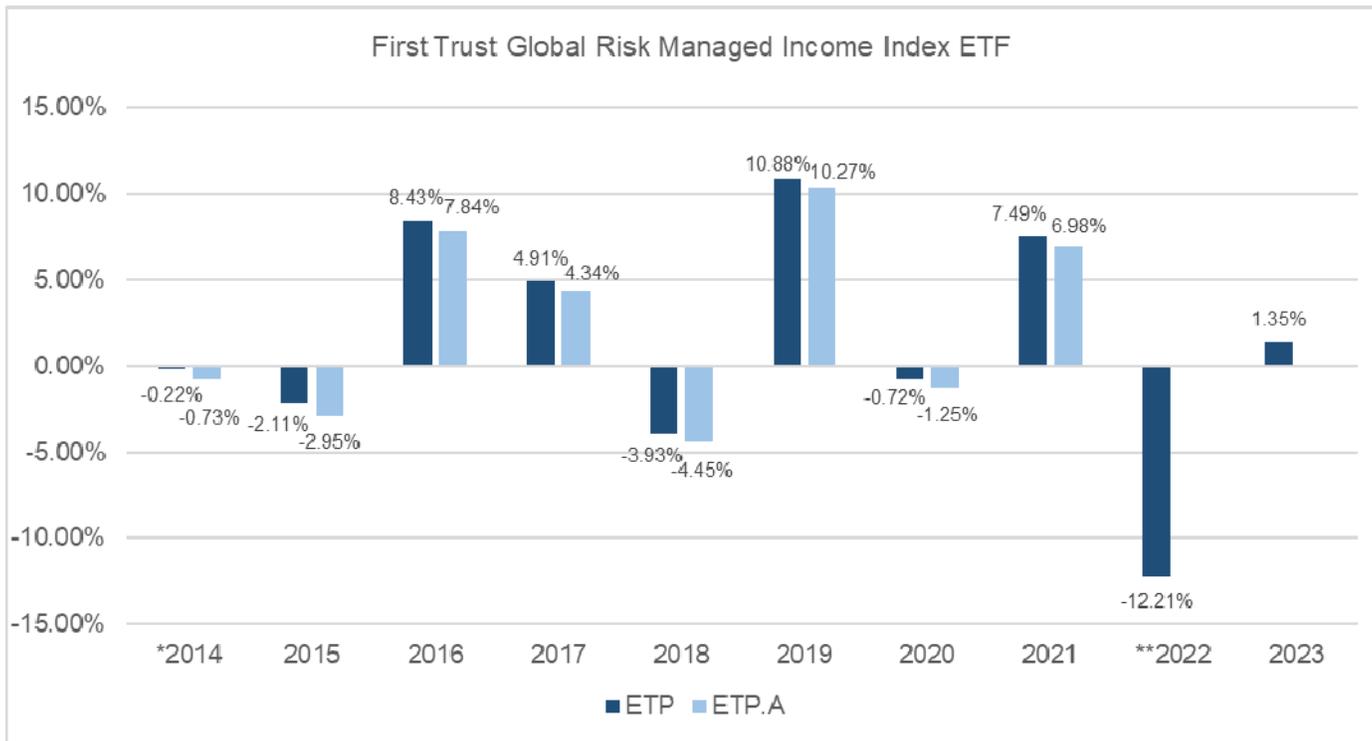
**Past Performance**

**General**

The past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the First Trust ETF in the period/years shown were reinvested in additional securities of the First Trust ETF. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the First Trust ETF has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

**Year by Year Returns**

The bar chart below shows the First Trust ETF's performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, for the years ended December 31, and for the period from commencement of operations to December 31, 2014 and illustrates how the investment fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart also shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



\*First Trust ETF Commencement: July 23, 2014

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**Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's holdings as at June 30, 2023. This summary of portfolio holdings may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the First Trust ETF. Daily and quarterly updates are available at [www.firsttrust.ca](http://www.firsttrust.ca).

Holdings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
BMO High Yield U.S. Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	15.60%
BMO Emerging Markets Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	14.42%
iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	14.07%
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF	10.48%
Vanguard Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF	6.15%
iShares Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF	4.79%
iShares Core S&P / TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF	4.28%
iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	3.40%
Horizons Cdn Select Universe Bond ETF	3.28%
BMO Equal Weight REITs Index ETF	3.22%
Vanguard FTSE Canadian High Dividend Yield Index ETF	3.21%
BMO Mid-Term U.S. IG Corporate Bond Index ETF	3.14%
iShares Canadian Government Bond Index ETF	2.88%
BMO Equal Weight Utilities Index ETF	2.85%
iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF	2.57%
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF	2.22%
Vanguard U.S. Dividend Appreciation Index ETF	1.79%
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	1.50%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.36%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Portfolio Breakdown**

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's portfolio as at June 30, 2023.

Sector Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Exchange-Traded Funds	99.85%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.36%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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